GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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ROYALTY ON MINERALS
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given as royalty on minerals to the States producing minerals during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the current rate of royalty on minerals per ton as on date;

(c) whether the Government proposes to vest powers on the concerned States once again to amend the royalty rates on minerals;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Royalty rates of major minerals are notified by the Central Government and revenue accrued therefrom is collected and retained by respective State Governments. Amount of royalty received by State Governments is not centrally maintained in the Ministry.

(b) Rates of royalty on major minerals(other than coal, lignite and sand for stowing) were last notified vide Gazette notification no. 677(E) dated 14.10.2004, a copy of which was laid on the table of the House on 22.12.2004.

(c) to (e) Royalty rates for minor minerals defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation)Act, 1957, are determined and notified by the respective State Governments under their respective Minor Mineral Concession Rules. Royalty rates for major minerals are determined and notified by the Central Government to maintain uniformity in rates of royalty all over the country for these minerals. There is no proposal to vest powers on the State Governments to amend the royalty rates of major minerals.